



Indiana Department of Homeland Security

District Programs Information Bulletin

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TO: All District Administrative Coordinators
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All District Planning Oversight Committee Members
All District Response Task Force Commanders
All Emergency Management Directors
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Subject: Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grants

Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to reiterate the changes in the use guidelines for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) training funds, and to clarify the reasons for these changes. Through this information bulletin, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Field Services Division, will also present notice about planned courses that will be provided for hazardous materials students around the state, which are funded with 2012 HMEP funds.

General

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is the grantee of HMEP grants. IDHS sub-grants all HMEP planning funds to Local Emergency Planning Committees to support planning initiatives and exercises; the IDHS has allocated a majority of the training funding to support standard HAZMAT training courses across the state. This support includes courses that are commonly professionally-required courses, as well as some specialty courses. These courses are available to all responders, and lodging will be provided for students who will be traveling more than fifty (50) miles to the training venue. Students who will be traveling more than seventy five (75) miles are eligible for lodging the night before the first day of the training event.

This Informational Bulletin is intended to communicate guidance and clarification of District Initiatives. The information contained herein supersedes all previous information or guidance pertaining to the subject. This information is intended to help districts plan, prepare, take appropriate actions and collaborate. Any questions pertaining to this bulletin may be directed to the Field Services Division at 317-234-7228. To be added to the District Informational Bulletins distribution list, please send an email to fieldservices@dhs.in.gov.

History

With its short performance period and no possibility for extensions, the HMEP grant has historically proven to be difficult to maximize for efficiency, and utilize effectively. It is for these reasons that allocated grant funds have been returned nearly every year that HMEP funds have been awarded to Indiana. Most recently, the following funds have been returned to the Federal government:

2009/10	\$218,725.00
2011	\$167,373.35
2012	\$ 63,793.74

It should be noted that it was in 2011 that the IDHS began to use the awarded HMEP funds for the development of the HAZMAT training capability statewide.

Due to the challenges of maximizing the utilization of these funds, mentioned above, the IDHS has endeavored to make better use of the HMEP funds and increase the return on investment through the establishment of a state-wide HAZMAT training program, which will be supported with HMEP funds.

2011 HAZMAT Training Equipment

As previously indicated, IDHS purchased HAZMAT training equipment with 2011 HMEP funds. These training kits and simulators are available for your use, and are located at the following locations:

South Bend Fire Department

MC306 Rollover Simulator

Bullex Air Monitoring Training Kit (Air Monitor Trainer, Air Tank, Placards)

POC: Deputy Chief Jim Lopez

jlopez@southbendin.gov

(574) 235-7558

Terre Haute Fire Department

MC306 Rollover Simulator

Bullex Air Monitoring Training Kit (Air Monitor Trainer, Air Tank, Placards)

POC: Captain Russell Feuquay

Russell.feuquay@terrehaute.in.gov

(812) 240-8417

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MC306 Rollover Simulator

DOT407 Simulator

POC: David Probo
Dprobo@dhs.in.gov
(317) 234-6589

2012 Training Program

The following courses are scheduled to be conducted using the 2012 HMEP funds:

Hazardous Materials Technician

Fishers Fire HQ	June 17-28, 2013
Greencastle Fire Department	May 18, 19 & June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, & 23, 2013
Greensburg Fire Department	TBD
New Albany Fire Department	July 29 – August 9, 2013

HAZMAT Awareness and Operations

Topeka Volunteer Fire Department May 14 – June 1, 2013

Chemistry of Hazardous Materials

Westfield Training Center June 17 – 28, 2013

Prospective students may apply at www.indianafiretraining.com.

Note: *Other training courses will be added as details become available and finalized.*

Questions

Questions pertaining to the information contained within this information bulletin, or the HMEP program, please contact Andrew Elsner, IDHS HAZMAT Training Coordinator, at Aelsner@dhs.in.gov, or by phone at (317) 727-4431.